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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

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1. UK EMBASSY INFORMED US MARCH 28 THAT FCO HAS INSTRUCTED UK EMBASSY MOSCOW TO GO BACK TO THE SOVIETS AND URGE THEM TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION NOT TO ATTEND GROUP OF FIVE MEETING LONDON MAY 3-5. UK EMBASSY IS TO STATE THAT LONDON WOULD BE SORRY IF SOVIETS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. IT IS USUAL TO CALL SUCH MEETINGS BEFORE LOS SESSIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ORDER TO LAY THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION WHICH WOULD BE AT RISK IF THE G-5 MEETING WERE DELAYED UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE MAY SESSION. THE DATES, THE EMBASSY IS TO STATE, WERE CHOSEN ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. IF THE TIMING OR PLACE CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIETS, THE UK WILL TRY TO OVERCOME THEM TO THE MUTUAL CONVENIENCE OF ALL. IF THE SOVIETS ARE UNABLE TO

SEND A FULL TEAM TO LONDON, UK HOPES THEY CAN SEND SMALLER GROUP TO MEETING WHICH IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON COMMITTEE I MATTERS.

- 2. ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, FCO HAS NO THEORY WHY SOVIETS WISH TO POSTPONE LONDON MEETING.
- 3. UNTIL WE HAVE DEFINITE WORD FROM BRITISH ABOUT WHETHER G-5 MEETING IS ON OR OFF, WE WILL DEFER SENDING YOU A DRAFT ALTERNATE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR LATE APRIL-EARLY MAY CONSULTATIVE TRAVEL. CHRISTOPHER

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